

**WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**COMMITTEE: HUMAN SERVICES**

**DATE: APRIL 1, 2010**

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**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

SUPERVISORS STRAINER  
STEC  
VANNESS  
SOKOL  
TAYLOR  
BENTLEY

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

CHRISTIE SABO, DIRECTOR, OFFICE FOR THE AGING  
WILLIAM RESSE, DIRECTOR, EMPLOYMENT & TRAINING  
PAUL DUSEK, COMMISSIONER OF ADMINISTRATIVE & FISCAL  
SERVICES  
FREDERICK MONROE, CHAIRMAN  
JOAN SADY, CLERK OF THE BOARD  
KEVIN GERAGHTY, BUDGET OFFICER  
SUPERVISOR PITKIN  
DON LEHMAN, *THE POST STAR*  
JOANNE COLLINS, LEGISLATIVE OFFICE SPECIALIST

**COMMITTEE MEMBER ABSENT:**

SUPERVISOR GIRARD

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Mr. Strainer called the meeting of the Human Services Committee to order at 9:53 a.m.

Motion was made by Mr. VanNess, seconded by Mr. Sokol and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the March 4, 2010 Committee meeting, subject to correction by the Clerk the Board.

Privilege of the floor was extended to Christie Sabo, Director of the Office for the Aging, who presented a request to fill the vacant position of Meal Site Cook, base salary of \$17,472, Employee No. 6792, due to resignation.

Motion was made by Mr. Sokol, seconded by Mr. VanNess and carried unanimously to approve the request to fill the position of Meal Site Cook as outlined above, and to refer same to the Personnel Committee. A copy of the Notice of Intent to Fill Vacant Position is on file with the minutes.

Mr. Bentley entered the meeting at 9:54 a.m.

Privilege of the floor was extended to Bill Resse, Director of the Employment and Training Administration (ETA), who distributed copies of the agenda to the Committee members, a copy of which is on file with the minutes.

Mr. Resse presented a request to renew the Telecommunications Agreement with the New York State Department of Labor (NYS DOL), for the period January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2015. He stated that the DOL would reimburse Warren County for direct telephone costs, as well as their fair share of routine monthly costs based on the staff count.

Motion was made by Mr. VanNess, seconded by Mr. Stec and carried unanimously to approve the request to renew the agreement as outlined above and the necessary resolution was authorized for the April 16, 2010 Board meeting. A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.

Mr. Resse requested Committee approval to encourage the State to support the continuation of New York State Temporary Assistance to Need Families (TANF) funding relative to the ETA's Summer Youth Employment Programs.

Motion was made by Mr. Bentley, seconded by Mr. Taylor and carried unanimously to approve the request in support of TANF funding as outlined above and to refer the request to the Legislative Committee.

Pertaining to the recent Job Fair held at Adirondack Community College, Mr. Resse reported positive feedback and he noted there were 53 exhibitors this year, as compared to 73 last year, which evidenced the changing landscape of the job pool. He noted that the exhibitors had remarked on the notable quality of the attendees, and several were identified for possible future employment. One exhibitor, he said, distributed 500 applications at his booth. Mr. Geraghty asked Mr. Resse if the extension of unemployment benefits impacted attendance at the fair and Mr. Resse noted that there was typically a segment of the population which delayed employment seeking efforts until unemployment benefits were exhausted.

Mr. Resse presented a request for Sharon Sano and himself to attend the 2010 New York Association of Training & Employment Professionals (ATEP) - NYSDOL Workforce New York Spring Conference in Albany, New York, from May 11 - 13, 2010.

Motion was made by Mr. Stec, seconded by Mr. Bentley and carried unanimously to approve the travel request as outlined above. A copy of the Authorization to Attend Meeting or Conference is on file with the minutes.

Next, Mr. Resse presented two requests to host meetings as follows:

- Youth GED Award Ceremony to be held in June 2010 at the ETA Office, to recognize GED youth graduates and their families for the accomplishments, at a total estimated cost of \$120 which was entirely grant funded; and
- The Summer Youth Employment Program Orientations to take place in late June of 2010, at an estimated total cost not to exceed \$400, which was entirely grant funded.

Motion was made by Mr. Sokol, seconded by Mr. VanNess and carried unanimously to approve both requests to host meetings as outlined above. Copies of the Requests to Host Meetings or Conferences are on file with the minutes.

Continuing, Mr. Resse apprised that the ETA was awarded access to e-learning Microsoft software licenses which could be accessed from the Microsoft website, and included standard and advanced level Information Technology courses. He added that certifications of completion would be awarded

for the benefit of the job seeker.

Mr. Resse announced that the Warren County ETA was identified as one of 13 areas of NY State to be selected for the installation of state-of-the-art video conferencing equipment, contingent upon the State grant funding. He pointed out two caveats relative to the licenses, one of which was the fact that the ETA staff were exempt from using the equipment for their own training, as were government employees. However, he noted the staff would require an understanding of the equipment in order to better serve clients.

There being no further business before the Human Services Committee, on motion by Mr. Sokol and seconded by Mr. VanNess, Mr. Strainer adjourned the meeting at 10:04 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joanne Collins, Legislative Office Specialist